Resources



How can we help your business grow and thrive?

Exeter businesses are encouraged to take advantage of local, state, and federal resources.

Local:

- Economic Development Office (New!): The Town will be hiring a full time Economic Development Director in 2014. Stay tuned for more details! This position will be your primary point of contact in Exeter to navigate you through the development process including new businesses and expansion of existing businesses.
- RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (New!): The Town recently adopted the provisions
 of this state law which offers tax relief on substantial rehabilitation of qualifying structures. To see if your
 property may qualify, contact the Town Mananger's Office or the Plannng and Building Office for more
 information.
- <u>Economic Development Commission</u>: The Town's Economic Development Commission opens avenues of communication between local businesses and the town of Exeter by collecting feedback from business owners and providing information about existing resources. This citizen commission meets monthly and meetings are open to the public. <u>Learn more</u>.
- Exeter Town Offices Building and Planning: The Town's planning and building office offers information on zoning, building, planning, permits, licenses, etc. The town is happy to help navigate these sometimes confusing processes. Learn more
- <u>Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce:</u> provides networking, advertising, and advocacy for member businesses of Exeter, Brentwood, East Kingston, Epping, Kensington, Kingston, Newfields, Newmarket, Raymond and Stratham. <u>Learn more</u>
- **Historic Exeter Retail Owners' Network:** provides networking and advertising for businesses located in the Historic district; HERON also sponsors the holiday trolley, a new initiative to draw business into the downtown area.

- <u>Economic Revitalization Zone:</u> If your business is located in the Epping Road district and you plan on
 expanding by investing capital or hiring additional employees, you may be eligible for tax credits under the
 state's economic revitalization program. <u>Learn more</u>
- Rockingham Economic Development Corporation (REDC): offers helpful resources for financing, training, and counseling. <u>Learn more</u>

State:

<u>Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire</u>: New Hampshire's state-wide chamber of commerce. <u>Learn more.</u>

- New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED): The Division of Economic Development provides valuable resources for businesses looking for financial assistance, workforce training, and more. Connect with Rob Barry to discuss financing options. <u>Learn more.</u>
- Job Training Fund: Is a matching grant available for businesses looking to invest in developing the skills of their employees. <u>Learn more</u>.
- Research and Development Tax Credit: NH offers up to \$2 million in research and development tax credits for qualifying manufacturing. Learn more.
- NH-Procurement Technical Assistance Program (NH-PTAP): Can assist companies in Exeter looking to contract with federal, state, and local governments. If you are already contracting with the government or just interested in exploring your options, then NH-PTAP can help. <u>Learn more</u>.
- International Trade Resource Center (ITRC): Can offer free technical assistance for companies
 interested in starting to export or companies that want to expand their existing international sales. Learn
 more.
- New Hampshire CDFA (Community Development Finance Authority): Created in 1983, the CDFA supports economic development activities that benefit low and moderate income citizens of New Hampshire. CDFA administers nearly \$40 million in funding resources, including a combination of state tax credits and federal CDBG, Neighborhood Stabilization, and Energy Reduction Funds. Learn more.
- Great Bay Community College Business and Training Center: Offers programs, courses, and workshops to build skills of workers. Learn more.

Federal:

- Small Business Administration (SBA): offers a variety of loan programs and guides to managing a business. Learn more
- <u>Small Business Development Center:</u> provides a variety of financial and management tools for small business owners <u>Learn more</u>
- <u>U.S. Department of Commerce New Hampshire Export Assistance:</u> Offers guidance to businesses looking to trade internationally. <u>Learn more.</u>
- SCORE: connects business owners with local mentoring and workshops. Learn more
- SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING OPTION & RESOURCES. Learn more
- Grants, Loans, & Other Assistance: as compiled by USA.gov for nonprofits Learn more
- <u>Business Laws & Regulations:</u> a useful review of pertinent laws compiled by the SBA <u>Learn more</u>

• New Market Tax Credits: A federal income tax credit worth 39% of investment into a project and available to qualifying census tracts. Business investment located in Exeter's census tract 106200 is eligible for this incentive. Contact NH-Business Finance Authority or CEI Maine.

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